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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that CHRISTOPHER BUTLER, age 44, was sentenced today in federal district court pursuant to his convictions for transporting child pornography in interstate and foreign commerce, and knowingly possessing child pornography.

BUTLER, a former Ft. Drum lieutenant colonel, pled guilty to the crimes in August of this year, admitting that in October, 2008, while he was deployed in Iraq he used the screen name "daddiesformommies," and sent images of child pornography via the Internet to an undercover special agent of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He further admitted that he possessed over 700 images depicting child pornography, including those that were sent to the undercover agent in 2008, on computers seized from his Ft. Drum residence.

Today, in federal court in Utica, New York, United States District Court Judge Hon. David N. Hurd sentenced BUTLER to concurrent terms of imprisonment of 70 months on each of the crimes of conviction, with 25 years of supervised release to follow. BUTLER will also be required to register as a sex offender.

BUTLER'S arrest was the result of an investigation by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the New York State Police, as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative

designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

BUTLER was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.